

### 2:50-3:00pm – Closing Remarks, Looking forward

**Miles Burdine, President & CEO, Kingsport Chamber** – Miles Burdine is a retired Marine Officer, and husband of Denise and father of Nikki, Laura and Alyce. Denise is a retired teacher. Nikki is the weekday morning news anchor for WKRN TV in Nashville. Laura is the logistics and operations director for Adapture Technology Group in Atlanta and Alyce recently moved to Denver, CO; where she plans to open her own business. Miles believes...

- ✓ That if you ever have to scrub a toilet, you should do so with enthusiasm.
- ✓ That adversity is life's greatest teacher.
- ✓ In accountability – no excuses.
- ✓ That people don't follow titles. They follow courage.

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## 2019 Workforce Development Conference

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### 9:15 AM - Registration, Networking & Vendor Booth Exhibition

#### 10:00-10:15am - Welcome

##### **Bradley Jackson, President/CEO**

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry/Tennessee Manufacturers Association - Appointed on November 10, 2016, Bradley Jackson is the President and CEO of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Tennessee Manufacturers Association. Jackson's prior role with the Chamber was as the Vice President for Government Relations and Community Affairs leading all aspects of the Chamber's advocacy efforts for 9 years. Prior to joining the Chamber, Jackson served in a number of roles in the Governor's office, executive departments and the legislature. Jackson started as a research analyst for the powerful Senate and House FW&M committee whose primary responsibility was legislative research publications, expenditure analysis of state agencies and committee appropriations.

#### 10:15-10:35am - Tennessee Board of Regents

##### **Dr. Flora Tydings, Chancellor**

Dr. Tydings was appointed Chancellor by the Tennessee Board of Regents in a unanimous vote on Dec. 27, 2016, effective Feb. 1, 2017. As Chancellor, she is chief executive officer of the Board of Regents system, managing operations of the system office and providing strategic leadership for the system's institutions in accordance with the Board's policies and direction and with Tennessee law. She arrived as the Board and its institutions continue the transition into a more unified community and technical college system under the state's FOCUS (Focus on College and University Success) Act of 2016. The TBR system is the primary driver in Tennessee's Drive to 55 initiative -- a broad effort proposed by Governor Bill Haslam and involving all higher education institutions to increase the percentage of working-age Tennesseans with a college degree or postsecondary certificate or credential to 55 percent by 2025.

#### 10:35-11:05am - State Perspective/ Collaboration from the Top

##### **Dr. Penny Schwinn – Commissioner, TN Dept. of Education**

Prior to joining the Tennessee Department of Education, Commissioner Schwinn served as the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Academics at the Texas Education Agency, where she oversaw the Office of Academics and was responsible for various agency departments. Commissioner Schwinn also previously served in other state and district roles as an Assistant Secretary of Education in the Delaware Department of Education and as Assistant Superintendent of Performance Management for the Sacramento City Unified School District.

**Mike Krause-** Mike Krause serves as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. Prior to assuming this role, he served as the founding Executive Director of the Tennessee Promise and Drive to 55, where he coordinated the launch of the nation's first free community college program and an array of other programs focused on increasing state higher education attainment. Krause also served for eight years in the U.S. Army and Tennessee Army National Guard, where he completed three combat tours with the 101st Airborne Division and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**Kenyatta Lovett-** Kenyatta Lovett currently serves as the Assistant Commissioner of Workforce Services with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Most recently, Lovett served as Executive Director of Complete Tennessee. Under his leadership, the organization created programs to foster local ownership of the state's progressive reforms in higher education. The nonprofit also shined a spotlight on issues affecting access, quality, and equity in postsecondary education. Lovett led an aggressive agenda to encourage greater student success for all Tennesseans, regardless of race, background, or circumstance.

### **11:05-11:35am - High School Dual Enrollment Credentialing**

**Blake Freeman (Hamilton Co. Future Ready Institutes)-** In July of 2019, Blake was promoted to Executive Director of Early Post-secondary Success for Hamilton County Schools. In his short time in this role, Blake has worked to align this newly created department to include Career and Technical Education, Future Ready Institutes as well as College and Career Advisors.

**Joe T. Wood (Collierville Schools) -** Currently serves as the Special Projects Coordinator for Collierville Schools since 2017. Also working with NREA, USDA and the Henderson County Alliance on Rural Workforce Development efforts. Wood has worked in/with public education since 1986 serving as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

**Chelle Travis, SkillsUSA -** Travis brings 17 years of leadership experience in career and technical education to this role with a solid understanding and track record of implementing and elevating the mission and program of SkillsUSA. Travis has collaborated with business and industry, educators, legislators and other leaders to design curricula, develop programs and draft legislation, having served the Tennessee Board of Regents as assistant vice chancellor for the Colleges of Applied Technology and as SkillsUSA state director. Travis received an MBA and a bachelor's degree in business from Middle Tennessee State University.

### **11:45am-12:05pm– Overview of Military Transition in Tennessee Workforce**

**Eric Horton, Managing Director**

**Campbell Strong Workforce Partnership; Workforce Essentials, Inc.**

Eric is a retired Army Soldier and Senior Leader from Fort Campbell with over 26 years of service, he was the first Graduate of Austin Peay State University's corporate executive fellowship program. He currently is serving as Vice President Executive Director for SAFE: Soldiers And Families Embraced; Serves as a Board member for AUSA (Association of United States Army-Fort Campbell Chapter), and is a member of **SOLE** - The International Society of Logistics as well as a Certified Professional Logistician.

### **12:15-1:15pm – Lunch & Presentation**

**Casey Carringer, Ballad Health, Director of Clinical Engagement**

Casey Carringer is the Director of Clinical Engagement for Ballad Health within the Department of Population Health. A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Ms. Carringer is an accomplished Practice Manager with experience in transformation programs within the healthcare payer environment as well as the development of community partnerships to improve patient outcomes. Prior to joining Ballad Health in August of 2018, Ms. Carringer worked as a Practice Manager at State of Franklin OB/GYN Specialists in Johnson City, Tennessee. During Ms. Carringer's tenure with State of Franklin OB/GYN Specialists she successfully implemented group prenatal care, utilizing the March of Dimes Supportive Pregnancy Care model, and participated in research with Vanderbilt University's Peabody Research Institute to evaluate improved prenatal outcomes.

**Jason Pritchard, Ballad Health-** Jason Pritchard is a Recovery Project Coordinator operating under the HRSA grant for the Ballad Department of Population Health. Mr. Pritchard has a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Virginia Tech. He spent 16 years in active addiction and has now been in recovery for the last 7.5 years. Mr. Pritchard is also a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist for both Virginia and Tennessee. He is also certified to train CPRS's in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He recently completed the training to supervise the Medicaid billable hours for CPRS's. Mr. Pritchard also acts as the assistant director of Tri-Cities Recovery where he is an active facilitator and mentor in the "Living Free Community." Mr. Pritchard has volunteered over 1,800 hours in the last two years at Tri-Cities Recovery helping those in active addiction. He uses his lived experience to aid others in their pursuit of living a drug free life as a productive member of society. Mr. Pritchard currently works closely with the Faith-Based Community to help break the stigma of addiction or felon back ground in the church. Mr. Pritchard spent five years in incarceration and now has a heart for people who are battling the bondage of addiction. In 2018 he was recognized by the Virginia Cares program who awarded him the "Cindy Martin Special Achievement Award" for those who excel in society after being incarcerated.

### **1:30-2:00pm - CAPS Program**

**Dr. Dane Boyington** is Chief Technical Officer and Co-Founder of Thinking Media. Dane is the visionary thought-leader for Thinking Media and leads the design and development of the tools created. Dane, along with Sheila was responsible for the development of the curriculum systems for KeyTrain and Career Ready 101, and for the implementation of several new technology platforms which were acquired by ACT in 2010.

**Sheila C. Boyington, PE** is the President and CEO of Thinking Media, a Chattanooga-based educational technology firm for the past 22 years. Thinking Media is the creator of Learning Blade® for STEM education. Learning Blade is a STEM career awareness online system that has been validated by Battelle Education to increase awareness and interest in STEM careers with currently four statewide contracts and work in 30 states.

### **2:00-2:50pm - Credentialing Opportunities at the High School Level**

**Dr. Mark Griffith, Marion County Schools-** Dr. Mark Griffith is in his 14th year as superintendent of Marion County Schools. Prior to this, he served as the Special Programs Coordinator for the district. Dr. Griffith is a member of the TN Rural Education Association Executive Board, as well as a founding member of the TN Valley Learning Network.

**Vanessa Presson, Tyson Foods-** Vanessa Presson is the Complex HR Manager for the new Tyson plant in Humboldt, where she will be leading the charge of recruiting 1700 team members. She is currently spending her time building community relationships and engaging students toward meaningful careers in the high-tech world of manufacturing. Vanessa has spent the last 15 years connecting individuals with careers and holds a certification as a Senior Certified Professional with the Society of Human Resource Management.

**Chelle Travis, SkillsUSA** (Bio detailed at 11:05am session)